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PASS AGRICULTURE AND STR; GENEVA MTN PASS AMBASSADOR DENT

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TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, EEC

SUBJECT: CONGNAC AND POULTRY

REF: A. EC BRUSSELS 4104 B. EC BRUSSELS 4584

1. SUMMARY: THE DESIRE OF EC COGNAC EXPORTERS TO HAVE THE US DUTY REDUCED, AND THE PROSPECTS FOR CHANGE IN EC TREATMENT OF POULTRY IMPORTS, WERE DISCUSSED AT AN EC-US LUNCH FOLLOWING THE DENT-SOAMES MEETING ON MTNS (REF B). RABOT SAID HE WAS CONSIDEREING DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN HIGH AND LOW VALUE BONELESS POULTRY, BUT FACED RESISTANCE FROM GUNDELACH, WHO IS PUSHING A PROGRAM OF COSTOMS SIMPLIFICATION. GUNDELACH CONFIRMED THIS BUT INDICATED HE COULD BE PERSUADED TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR GOOD CAUSE. END SUMMARY.

2. SOAMES, DURING A LUNCH HE GAVE ON MAY 22 FOR AMBASSADOR DENT, RAISED THE PROBLEM OF COGNAC EXPORTERS FACING A HIGH US DUTY IF THEIR PRODUCT IS VALUED OVER \$17 PER GALLON, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT RELIEF COULD

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BE WORKED OUT FOR THEM. (WE ARE TOLD BY SOAMES'

CABINET THAT HE WAS PROMPTED TO RAISE THIS ISSUE BY A LETTER SENT HIM BY HENESSEY AFTER THE VISIT OF COGNAC TRADE PEOPLE DESCRIBED IN REF A.)

3. RABOT, IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, TOLD US THAT HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO GET A GREEN LIGHT FROM THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO SEEK TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PROBLEM. APPARENTLY HE GOT A GO-AHEAD TO TRY SOMETHING ON HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY. HE RECOGNIZED, HE SAID, THAT THE US WOULD BE UNWILLING TO TAKE UP THE COGNAC PROBLEM UNLESS SOMETHING WAS DONE FOR THE US POULTRY INDUSTRY. HE COULD NOT MAKE AN EXPLICIT LINK BETWEEN POULTRY AND COGNAC. WITHIN HIS CONSTRAINTS, HE STILL FELT HE COULD DO SOMETHING. THE ONLY SPECIFIC HE MENTIONED WAS DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN LOW AND HIGH VALUE BONELESS POULTRY. THIS ACTION, RABOT SAID, WAS OPPOSED BY GUNDELACH'S SIDE OF THE COMMISSION, WHICH IS PUSHING TO SIMPLIFY THE EC CUSTOMS CLASSIFICATIONS.

4. GUNDELACH, WHO WAS ALSO AT LUNCH, CONFIRMED RABOT'S POINT. WHEN WE EXPLAINED THAT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO US TRADE--AND US-EC RELATIONS--TO VIOLATE THE SIMPLIFICATION PRINCIPLE IN THIS CASE, HE TOOK THE POINT. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WANTED TO BE PROVIDED (PRESUMABLY BY RABOT) A SOUNDLY REASONED AND DOCUMENTED REQUEST TO ALLOW THIS ACTION.

5. THIS MESSAGE WAS DRAFTED AFTER AMBASSADOR DENT'S DEPARTURE FROM BRUSSELS.
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